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## Meriwether County Animal Shelter

# Getting Ready for Spring

During the warmer months of the year The Meriwether County Animal Shelter is very busy. People and animals alike are outside enjoying the nice weather. More dogs and cats are spotted by the public and more dogs and cats are having puppies and kittens.

So how is it that we deal with this increase in volume? We promote spaying and neutering ALL pets – indoor, outdoor, large and small.

Many pose the question, “If we spay and neuter all pets then there won’t be any way to make more?” And before entering the Animal Sheltering

Profession I might have agreed.

However, according to the Humane Society of the United States 6-8 million dogs and cats enter shelters each year. Of this number 3-4 million are euthanized. This means 50% of the animals that enter shelters don’t leave them alive.

These statistics demonstrate that we have plenty of dogs and cats to go around!!

Although the national euthanasia statistic of 50% seems drastic some shelters do better than others. Our Happy Tails rate for dogs is much better than it is for cats. We average a rate of

64% for both dogs and cats finding a home. However, the rate for just dogs is 72%. This means about 28% of the dogs that enter the shelter don’t find a home.

So how do we get this number to 0%? We spay and neuter. By decreasing the number of animals in the area we decrease the number of animals that enter the shelter.



But spaying and neutering is expensive!! Call the HELP Spay and Neuter Clinic. They can make it affordable!!!

(770) 304 7911

## Rabies Vaccinations

It is required by Georgia State Law that all dogs, cats, ferrets and horses are vaccinated against rabies. For dogs and cats owners must be able to provide proof of the animal’s current vaccination.

Some may say that this extreme measure. However, Georgia ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the US for the highest number of reported rabies cases.

The extreme part of the rabies virus is that it is zoonotic – in other words it can pass to humans. Not only is catching rabies a scary thought but the treatment is expensive and painful.

**PLEASE VACCINATE YOUR ANIMAL!!!!**

Most vets only charge \$10 for the rabies vaccine and it could not only save your animal but you as well.



## March Outcome Statistics

During the month of March we **adopted 6 dogs and puppies** to their new homes. **Three** of these were adopted to non-Meriwether County residents.

We also **adopted 2 cats** to their new family. **2 cats** were transferred to **Safe Haven Animal Rescue**. And **1 cat** was returned to its owner.

We **returned dogs 11** to their owners.



We **transferred 19** dogs and puppies to rescues in the surrounding areas. Pepper pictured on the left was taken by Tender Heart Rescue. **31** of our dogs and pups were **transferred** to North Shore Animal League.

**2** of the pups in this transport were from the Manchester Animal Shelter.

This gives us a total of **68 MCAS dogs and 4 cats saved.**

We took in **75 dogs and 15 cats.**

**GRAND TOTAL: 72 animals**



*"Pepper was groomed by Dr. Hendricks and saved by Tender Heart Rescue."*

## Waggin' Tails

CORNBREAD, is a 3 year old male Dachshund and Bassett Hound cross. He stayed at the shelter for 4 months! During his time here he made many friends. He participated in the Luthersville Christmas Parade and the Microchipping Event at Manchester Farm and Garden in February.

We finally figured out why he was here for so long! He was waiting for his forever home. His new mom called the shelter and scheduled a "meeting". She wasn't going to take Cornbread home that day she just wanted to meet him.

Well she instantly fell in love. He went home that day and fit right in!

The next morning he accompanied her to brunch like he was with her his whole life!!



*"J-Lo and her 8 puppies were taken in by Ruft Rescue."*

## PLEASE HELP!!!

The transports to North Shore are a great help in saving many dogs here. This year alone North Shore has taken in 47 of our dogs and 24 from Harris County Humane. But there is a holding period of about 6 weeks for the dogs that go on a North Shore Transport.

Although these transports **save about 56%** of the dogs we take in it limits the space we have to save other dogs at the shelter. Because of this limited space **we still don't**

**save as many dogs as we could.**

This may sound discouraging but there is a **solution – FOSTERING**. To be a foster there is no financial burden. You choose the number of dogs you can care for and you simply care (and love them) until their departure date.

Many people say "Isn't it hard to let them go after loving them?" But as one of our volunteers says in response, "Isn't it better to

*have saved the dog you fostered and the dog you made space for?"*

One of MCAS's fosters has cared for 23 dogs so far this year. Not only did she save that many but she saved the ones that we wouldn't have had space for without her help.

**If you are interested in fostering please call (770) 490 8990.**

## Donations

Thanks to The Georgia Humane Society for the donations of Veterinary Supplies.



*Tank: adopted by a wonderful couple from Largange. Him and his human will be playing lots of fetch!*

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## Tick Season!!!

YES it is that time of year again!! We have seen an extreme amount of ticks already this year. One dog came in with over 200 ticks on her. One litter of 6 puppies was home to over 50 of them.

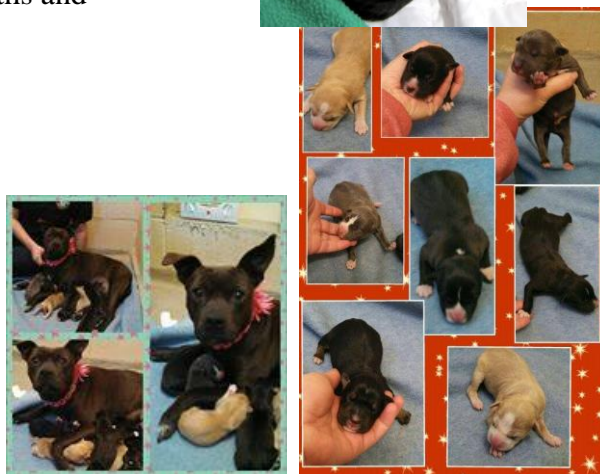
There are many ways to prevent these parasites. The usual Frontline and Advantix work well; however, some dogs may be allergic to these. Seresto flea and tick collars seem to be a common and highly rated product. They run between \$45 and \$60 but last for 8 months and **WORK!!**



For a more natural and inexpensive solution go to the following page:

<http://rudemom.com/homemade-flea-tick-remedy/>

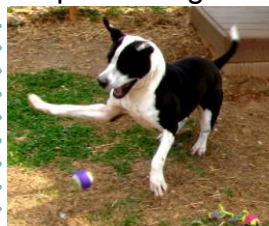
The recipe includes apple cider vinegar, water, salt and baking soda.



**PLEASE HELP!** We have been at the shelter for a while now.



Top row: Jag.



Bottom row: Lucy, Stella, Jasmine, Buttercup